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U.S. Military Forces in South Viet Nam

Present -- 685 MAAG personnel plus 100 additional authorized
by the President on 4/29/61

Approximately 70 CIA personnel, plus 40 authorized
by the President on 4/29/61

Proposed -- Augmentation of MAAG by 2 U.S. Training Commands,
approximately 1600 instructors each, to accelerate
training program for GVN Army. (2 more divisions
making total strength 200,000.)

Special Forces group of 400 U.S. military to accelerate
GVN Special Forces training.

Employment of minimal of U.S. Naval forces in
coastal patrol activities.

Under
Consideration
within DoD --

Marine brigade with supporting elements (approximately
6,000 in all) to bolster GVN against increased Viet Cong
guerrilla action and also to manifest U.S. direct support
for defense of Southeast Asia.

Under
Consideration

by State Dept -- Rejection of Geneva Accords and U.S. defensive
alliance with Viet Nam providing for stationing of
U.S. forces in Viet Nam.

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